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Vital statistics of Ponce, January, 1903.

Diseases of—		Grippe	2
Digestive system	44	Tetanus traumatic	1
Respiratory system	10	Hepatitis	3
Circulatory system	7	Syphilis	2
Nervous system	5	Peritonitis	1
Anemia, malnutrition, inanition ..	5	Metro-peritonitis	1
Nephritis	3		
Tuberculosis	4	Total	103
Malaria	5	January, 1902:	
Cancer	2	Births	171
Rhachitis	3	Deaths	84
Uremia	2	January, 1903:	
Old age	2	Births	125
Metritis	1	Deaths	103

SPAIN.

Suspect plague and yellow fever on Italian bark Iris at Palma, Majorca.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
February 27, 1903.

SIR: Referring to your letter of the 20th instant, in regard to the reported outbreak of plague among the crew of the Italian bark *Iris* at Palma, Majorca, I now have the honor to inform you that the Department is in receipt of a telegram dated the 22d instant from the consul-general of the United States at Barcelona, Spain, in which he states: "No plague aboard *Iris*. Malarial fever. Vessel proceed Marseilles without communicating Majorca." A subsequent telegram from the consul-general dated February 23, 1903, reads: "Later advices state yellow fever. Communication between vessel and Majorca disallowed. *Iris* probably now Marseilles."

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

TURKEY.

Cholera epidemic in Palestine reported extinct.

Consul Merrill reports from Jerusalem, January 10, as follows: In my No. 60, October 18, 1902, I referred to the appearance in this consular district of Asiatic cholera. Gaza, Lydda, and Jaffa suffered most from this disease, but it appeared also in many other towns with a few, sometimes a considerable number, of fatal cases in each. I am glad to report that there has been no case in Jerusalem or in this immediate vicinity. The epidemic seems now to have died out. We had quarantine on four sides of us, and I am happy to state that on the 9th of this month the last was removed. Negligence at the border station between Egypt and Palestine was the occasion of the introduction of cholera into this country. * * *

Only one European died during the past three months of this disease, and that one did not belong in this district.

I speak in this report of this district only; but I hear that in Damascus there are still cases. With cholera in Egypt and cholera in

Syria, and plague in Egypt, and quarantine everywhere, the outlook for travelers is not good. Commerce certainly has suffered, but in my residence in this country we have had quarantine about three years out of four, so that commerce is almost always suffering.

The ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

Foreign and insular statistical reports of countries and cities—Yearly and monthly.

AFRICA—*Sierra Leone*.—Two weeks ended January 23, 1903. Estimated population, 40,000. Total number of deaths, 37. No contagious diseases.

AUSTRALIA—*Victoria—Melbourne*.—Month of November, 1902. Estimated population, 501,580. Total number of deaths, 614, including diphtheria, 3; enteric fever, 1; measles, 8; scarlet fever, 3; whooping cough, 3, and 81 from tuberculosis.

BAHAMAS—*Governors Harbor*.—Week ended February 14, 1903. Estimated population, 1,500. No deaths and no contagious diseases.

Green Turtle Cay—Abaco.—Two weeks ended February 11, 1903. Estimated population, 3,314. No deaths and no contagious diseases.

Nassau.—Two weeks ended February 16, 1903. Estimated population, 12,439. Number of deaths not reported. No contagious diseases reported.

CANADA—*Province of Ontario*.—Reports to the provincial board of health for the month of December, 1902, from 753 municipalities having an aggregate population of 2,051,966 show a total of 2,150 deaths, including diphtheria, 62; enteric fever, 56; measles, 2; scarlet fever, 41; whooping cough, 14, and 148 from phthisis pulmonalis.

CUBA—*Habana*.—Month of December, 1902. Estimated population, 236,000. Total number of deaths, 457, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 1; scarlet fever, 2, and 80 from tuberculosis.

FRANCE—*Roubaix*.—Month of January, 1903. Estimated population, 124,660. Total number of deaths, 199, including enteric fever 3; scarlet fever, 1; whooping cough, 2, and 8 from smallpox.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales*.—The deaths registered in 76 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended February 7 1903, correspond to an annual rate of 17.9 per 1,000 of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 15,075,023.

London.—One thousand five hundred and fifty-eight deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 28; scarlet fever, 8; diphtheria, 15; whooping cough, 75; enteric fever, 11, and diarrhea, 28. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 17.6 per 1,000. In Greater London 2,117 deaths were registered. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 5 from diphtheria, 2 from measles, 1 from scarlet fever, 13 from whooping cough, and 6 from diarrhea.